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The Newark Eagles baseball team is a member of the Negro National League and plays home games at Ruppert Stadium, Newark. The club is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Manley who operated the Brooklyn Eagles before taking over the Newark franchise in the league.

The club this year will be managed by "Mule" Suttles, veteran home run hitter who formerly played with the St. Louis Stars and Chicago American Giants before coming to Newark. Suttles was rated the hardest hitter in colored baseball during his playing days. He holds the distinction of being the only person to ever hit ~~szzzzzzzzzzzz~~ more than one ball over the scoreboard at Ruppert Stadium in Newark. Dale Alexander and Babe Ruth each hit one over there but Mule has hit three over this spot. He is a smart, aggressive, keen student of the game and will be certain to have a hustling and amsrt team.

The Eagles will have a strong infield this year with Lenny Pierson at first base, Larry Doby at second base, Murry Watkins, shortstop and Jimmie Davis third base. Pierson is the veteran of this infield and is one of the top men at his position in the league. A good defensive player, dangerous hitter and great team man, Lenny is one of the most valuable players in the league today. Larry Doby was an All-State football, basketball and baseball player at Paterson East Side High School, where he captained the football team. Doby is a brilliant second sacker, fast on the bases and an exceptionally good hitter. Murry Watkins is playing his second year in the league and should become one of the outstanding shortstops of the season. He will probably be placed in the lead-off spot in the batting order and his defensive skill in the field is equal to most veterans. Jimmie Davis, played last year with the Orange Triangles and has been the sensation of the Spring training camp. He is ready for league baseball and will start the season at the hot corner. Davis is also an exceptionally good hitter for a rookie.



The main cogs in the outfield are Johnny Davis in left field and Eddie Stone in right field. Both are terrific hitters and good fielders and form the nucleus of a strong offensive and defensive outfield.

The Eagles are especially strong in the pitching department. In Leon Day they have the best hurler in colored baseball. Some indication of the effectiveness of Day can be gleaned from his feat in Baltimore last year when he struck out 18 members of the Baltimore Elite Giants and limited them to one hit. His next best performance was a 4-0 victory over the Kansas City Monarchs in which he beat the great Satchell Paige and struck out 11 of the mighty Monarchs while limiting them to four hits.

Jimmie Hill is one of the smallest players in the game but possesses unusual speed and a fine curve ball to make him one of the standout hurlers in the league. Hill only weighs 140 pounds but manages to bag more than his share of wins each year.

Len Hooker is the most colorful pitcher on the team and one of the most effective. Hooker has been hounded by a jinx for the past two years but this season hopes to shake it off and really come into his own. Hooker has dropped most of his games by one run but hopes his mates will help him overcome this deficiency this year.

Jimmie Brown is another speed ball artist who last year was used as an outfielder because of his fielding and hitting ability. Brown should develop into one of the best pitchers in the game and Manager Mule Suttles intends to use him exclusively as a hurler this year and give him a full season to develop.

"Big Train" Cozart will rejoin his teammates this year and looks to have his best season. Cozart suffered an arm injury last year and had to forego the chance to play. His arm is completely recovered and he is ready and raring to go. Cozart beat most of the league clubs two years ago and should repeat this season.

The catching staff will be headed by Leon Ruffin who is the best



receiver in the game. Ruffin has played with the Philadelphia Stars and Baltimore Elite before joining the Eagles and is a veteran in this position. The other catcher is St. Thomas who played with the Orange Triangles last year. St. Thomas is the best looking youngster to hit the league since Josh Gibson. He is a fine receiver and one of the hardest hitters on the club. The brand of ball he has shown in training camp and exhibition games may result in his winning the first string catching post from Ruffin.